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Prof. Asa Gray.

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Dr. Sir. - Your note of 4th came to
Lund last evening, - and this morn-
ing we rec'd a postal from Dr. Feltgen
at St Louis to same purport. -

We beg to report regarding the Cacti
plates, that they are now substan-
tially done. - All the reproductions
have been successfully made and
our Artist has been working over
them - touching up the lines by hand -
for sometime past, and we are
now putting on the finishing touches
to all. -

We send herewith finished
proofs of 4 of the plates. Tomorrow
we shall send you proofs of 4 more,
and 4 others will follow daily
until you have the entire 27.

This will bring us to a finish
a week from today or tomorrow. (May
13th or 14th) - Until that day we
would like to retain the volume

from which we
are copying the plates, as the Artist
is constantly referring to it. Can
we not do so?

If however you must have the
volume at once, will you permit
us to cut out from it those plates we
will yet need for reference, and
retain them until we have finished
proofs of all? We can probably
cut them out so carefully that
they can be again inserted in
the volume after your printer is
through with it. —

Awaiting your reply, Dear

Very truly Yours

Samuel May Jr.

We will send the volume imme-
diately on receipt of your reply if
you desire us to do so. —